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**Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Examiner dated **March 25, 2003**, in which claims **28-48** were finally or twice rejected.

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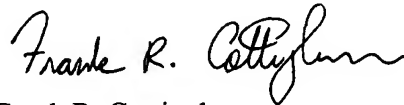
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